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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated July 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20040709), for which a response was due on October 16, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from October 16, 2004 to December 16, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper. No claim amendments are currently presented.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.